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OCTOBER PROGRAM: *by* W3PST
RAILROAD *Communications*

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ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME !

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DEADLINE - To be assured of current publication, all copy MUST be in the hands of the EDITOR by the fifteenth of the month, or, at the Bored of Directors' Meeting, whichever is earlier.

New Phil-Mont Net Schedule

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri Sat
09:30 147.030 MHz FM		20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM	
10:00 29.000 MHz SSB		Personalized CW	TRIPLE B-S NET	BULLETIN NET	
10:20 3.993 MHz SSB		Practice Net	Bigger, Better, Buys		
Coming in January:			from your		
10:45 14.??? MHz SSB			Stop, Shop & Swap Net		

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OLE TIMER'S NIGHT November 4, 1985

All are welcome at our annual Old Timer's Night which is a regular event on Phil-Mont's November calendar.

At 18:30 SHARP! (6:30 PM) (23:30 ZULU) we'll have a delicious dinner served at the Institute by our own KA3AMO and Company (Howard's Caterers). Our regular general meeting, including a special program presentation, will follow.

BUFFET MENU

Steamship Round Roast of Beef
Parsley Potatoes
Mixed Italian Vegetables
Rolls, Butter
Punch, Coffee
Log Cake Assortment

Seating By RESERVATION Only

Your remittance and reservation form MUST be received no later than October 28 to guarantee your place at the table with all of your OLE Friends.

Please make checks payable to PMRC, and send along with this tear sheet to: W3IIM, 2113 Edgehill Dr., Furlong, PA 18925.

CALL _____ NAME _____

NUMBER IN PARTY _____ @ \$11.00 per person. ENCLOSED \$ _____

Remember: Deadline Oct. 28!

COVERAGE, COVERAGE, AND MORE COVERAGE

Yes, we now cover the Delaware Valley with plenty of signal thanks to a small contingent of personnel who assembled at the repeater site on September 14, 1985. After many months of discussions over details, and delays due to golf outings and missing fire trucks, we have finally managed to get the Phelps-Dodge Super-Station Master atop the 70 foot telephone pole. It only took a few minutes to replace the Isopole with the new antenna but from the early field measurements, it seems that all these little delays were well worth the wait!!

Along with the change of the two meter antenna, they also added a new omni-directional gain antenna to the top of the pole and fed it with hardline. This new antenna will allow us to control the repeater system more efficiently via the 70cm band. Test results from the first day indicate a 10 db improvement over the previous directional beam.

These two significant improvements at the site will give Phil-Monters the necessary coverage they have missed for some time, and hopefully this will stimulate a resurgence in ham activities on 147.03.

Many thanks should go to the trustee of our repeater, W3BBB and his sidekick N3DHI for their valiant efforts and many hours of work leading up to this day. This includes making brackets and procuring parts or testing antennas and transmission lines to ensure that all equipment meets or exceeds specification. We should not forget our trustworthy ground crew of W3SRU and KA3MHO who provided help with handlines and maneuvering of equipment to the top of the pole. And lest we not forget, the most important item of all, THE FIRETRUCK, from Edge Hill Fire Company and the driver Walt Young. Without all these people the task would not have been completed on time. A hearty Thank You to those who helped. And to the HAMS of Phil-Mont: enjoy your new found coverage!

PHIL - MONT TABLE

Hurry, hurry, step right up, folks! Here's your chance to offer some of your goodies for sale while helping your club at the same time!

PhilMont will have its very own table at the upcoming Pack Rats Hamfest on Sunday, October 6. For those of you who don't have enough items to warrant a table of your own, this is your opportunity to show those few items that you've been wanting to sell, and, at the same time, you'll be helping your club through a commission of 10% of the selling price to a maximum of \$25.00 per item sold.

Interested? --- Call W3BBB or W3VVS for details.

P R E Z S E Z

"Hi Folks!"

de W3SRU

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(We can't tell you how badly we wanted to take editorial liberties with the above, but after much mental anguish, we realized that there was no way we could improve on it, [considering that it's probably the least he's had to say in recent memory] even though all sorts of possibilities came to mind! -ed)

Gil has unknowingly thrown down the gauntlet! --- Here's your chance! Let's have a contest to see how creative (and twisted) your minds can be! (You too can be "editor for the day".) HOW WOULD YOU HAVE TAKEN EDITORIAL LIBERTIES WITH THIS MONTH'S PREZ SEZ? Heh Heh. We will print the best entries, which must be in W3IIM's hands by October's Mid-Month meeting. No rules except: be nice. The identity of all "editors-for-the-day" will be kept confidential if you wish.

It's interesting how history repeats itself. The October 1955 Prez Sez follows.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Gee - Business must have been good this month. --- Hi.

MINUTES
September 1985
GENERAL MEETING

The 430th General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was called to order at 8:10 P.M. on September 9, by W3SRU. Gil asked all present to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Al Hamilton, W3GIF. Al became a Phil-Mont Silent Key on September 8th.

W3IIN read the minutes of the August 5th General Meeting, since there was no Directors' meeting in August due to the Annual Bath. KB3IV gave the Treasurer's Report. Both reports were approved as read.

Gil then presented the W2MSA award, 'Worst 2 Meter Signal Award', to KB3JW, Ray Gillespie. The award was a 'J' antenna, which Ray can hang on his kitchen curtains when he sits at the kitchen table with his HT and tries to make the repeater. Unfortunately Ray was out of town and not present, but never fear, Ray will get his.

W3VVS reported that there were 31 members and 6 visitors present. Paul introduced Dee Moore, WA2NSA, XYL W2FUW; Joe Bagnick, N3EMA; Ed Lucas, K3DYU; Walt Kenworthy, WA3IDQ; David Wolovitz, WA3DNM and Keith Beard, N2FQZ.

N3DHI reported that Mo-Com now has a fully operative 6 meter rig for CD communications and that the van would be going to the Cheltenham Super Saturday this coming Saturday. Rick is looking for some people to work on the van tower, to clean it up and paint it.

W3BBB reported that the repeater antenna would finally be changed on Saturday, Sept. 14, and the Super Station-Master would be installed. HALLELUJAH!

AK2I reported that there were 7 license applicants. There were three licenses given, one novice, one tech and one extra. Jake said that he had decided to use the ARRL materials exclusively and drop W5YI, due to the extra expense and work of copying the W5YI material. Jake also asked for more volunteers for the Swap Net, 75 meter net controls and more VE's.

N3DHI introduced Dave Wolovitz, WA3DNM, who presented a very interesting and informative program on Uninterruptible Power Supplies for Computers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10, and all enjoyed the treats provided by KB3IV.

W3IIN - Hon. Secretary

Doris Hamilton, N3DQG, wishes to thank the many Phil-Mont members for their thoughtfulness and many kindnesses.

NINTH ANNUAL RF HILL A.R.C. HAMFEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1985

PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, ROUTE 152, SELLERSVILLE, PA

8 AM TO 2 PM

(GATE OPENS TO SELLERS AT 6 AM)

DOOR PRIZES	REFRESHMENTS	GRAND PRIZE
TALK-IN (W3AI)	144.71/145.31 146.28/146.88	146.16/76 146.52

BUYERS: \$3.00 NON-HAM SPOUSE AND CHILDREN FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A PAYING HAM

SELLERS: INDOORS \$8.00 PER SPACE (APPROX. 6 FT. x 6 FT.)
OUTDOORS \$6.00 PER SPACE (PARKING SPACE SIZE)

OUTDOOR SPACE IS FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED ON DAY OF HAMFEST

INDOOR SPACE MAY BE RESERVED BY WRITING TO:

HAMFEST CHAIRMAN
RF HILL A.R.C.
79 RELIANCE PLACE
TELPORD, PA 18969

SEND CHECK OR M.O.
PAYABLE TO RF HILL A.R.C.
WITH REQUEST. INCLUDE
SASE FOR WRITTEN REPLY.

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(215) 674-4800 EXTENSION 515 (ASK FOR ROBERT)
BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 4:30 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
SORRY, YOUR CALL CANNOT BE RETURNED UNLESS IT IS TOLL-FREE FROM
HATBORO, PA.

DIRECTIONS: FROM ALLENTOWN: PA 309 SOUTH TO SELLERSVILLE EXIT

FROM PHILADELPHIA: PA 309 NORTH TO R&S DINER. TAKE RAMP TO OLD
BETHLEHEM PIKE AND SELLERSVILLE

FROM SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: NJ TURNPIKE TO PA TURNPIKE WEST TO EXIT
26, THEN PA 309 NORTH

FROM NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: US 202 S. TO PA 309 N.

FROM DELAWARE: US 202 N. TO PA 309 N. OR US 202 N. TO TURNPIKE
EAST TO EXIT 26 (PORT WASHINGTON) TO PA 309 N.

THE MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB, INC.
PRESENTS
HAMARAMA '85
AND
MID-ATLANTIC STATES VHF CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5-6, 1985

THE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY -- OCT. 5, 1985 -- 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
WARRINGTON MOTOR LODGE

(FROM PA. TURNPIKE EXIT 27 TAKE 611 NORTH 4.5 MILES TO ONE BLOCK NORTH OF ROUTE 132)

ALL DAY VHF PROGRAM MODERATED BY WELL KNOWN VHF'ers

COCKTAIL HOUR AND GET-TOGETHER AT 6:30 P.M. HOSPITALITY SUITE WILL ALSO BE OPEN
in PACK-RAT HOSPITALITY SUITE FRIDAY EVENING FOR EARLY ARRIVALS

BUFFET DINNER AT 7:30 P.M. \$13.50

REGISTRATION ADVANCE \$4.00. AT DOOR \$5.00 (INCLUDES FLEA MARKET)

THE FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY -- OCTOBER 6, 1985 -- 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. -- RAIN OR SHINE

BUCKS COUNTY DRIVE-IN THEATER
WARRINGTON, PA.

(ROUTE 611- 4 MILES NORTH OF PA. TURNPIKE -EXIT 27)

TALK-IN - W3CCX
146.52 Mhz

REGISTRATION \$5.00
See Carload Special
(Please car pool)

AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT
ELECTRONIC PARTS-SURPLUS
COMPUTER HARDWARE

GLORIFIED ELECTRONIC
"JUNQUE"

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE
ON SITE

TAILGATING \$8.00 per space
(Bring your own table)

AS A SPECIAL INDUCEMENT
TO EASE OUR PARKING
PROBLEM

\$8.00 A CARLOAD

[SELLERS]
GATE OPEN 6:00 A.M.

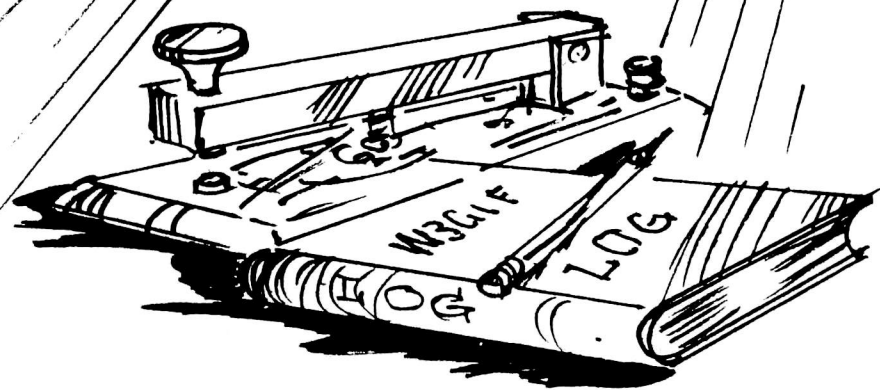
JOIN US FOR THE "PACK-RAT" 14th ANNUAL

GET-TOGETHER WEEKEND -- CONFERENCE AND HAMFEST

SEE YOU IN WARRINGTON IN OCTOBER

PHILMONT

*Silent
Key*



W3GIF

Al Hamilton



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August 15, 1985

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TO: Atlantic Division Newsletter Editors

Once again advantage is taken of the opportunity to include a short note of thanks with the FAR Scholarship News Release for the more than 50 club newsletters received each month. All of you and your dedicated assistants are to be congratulated for the outstanding effort on behalf of the Amateur Radio Service. Eight of this year's FAR Scholarship winners are from the Atlantic Division. Please feel free to edit and use the attached News Release in your subsequent newsletters.

The July Board meeting is now history. I urge you to invite your readers not only to review the Minutes when they are published in QST, but also to be aware of the current issues as they become addressed in the various amateur radio publications. It's encouraging to note that many of you are devoting a small block of space each month to list the upcoming license examination opportunities with 100 miles.

Meanwhile the League continues its efforts to stay on top of the Washington scene. Input regarding any of the many items of concern would be most welcome from you and your readers by both Vice Director Bud Hippiisley, K2KIR and me. The first Volunteer Examination Coordinator's Conference in Gettysburg, PA on August 9 was a very productive meeting. The 16 of the 26 VECs represented used the workshop atmosphere to exchange ideas and share their concerns with the FCC representatives. The FCC, on the other hand, used this forum to emphasize the need for decreasing the number of defective applications and receiving them in a timely fashion.

Finally, let's not forget to mention and support the many dedicated volunteers who spend so much of their personal time on behalf of all of us. The staffs of the six Repeater Coordinating Groups and two QSL Bureaus serving the Atlantic Division deserve recognition. Each of the Section Managers and their assistants plus the many VE Teams need lots of encouragement to help keep the show 'on the road'. Last, but not least there six Advisory Committee members who provide the background information needed to assist the ARRL Board in making its policy decisions. Together these VOLUNTEERS, who need your inputs, are helping to make it possible for the rest of us to enjoy the finest hobby in the world.

73.

Hugh A. Turnbull
W3ABC

SINCE 1914 - OF, BY AND FOR THE RADIO AMATEUR

OLD BUSINESS

THE BLURB
30 YEARS AGO
OCT. 1955

Next Meeting: PMRC Auction with W3WNC. 10% commission goes to the club. Next Month: PMRC Annual Banquet at the Casa Conti. Tickets \$3.50.

The Delaware Valley Emergency Net had its opening on 145.44 on Sept. 19th. W3VVV is doing the organizing.

Mobile RACES licenses have been issued to the following club members: W3SAE; W3TOZ; W3YJM; W3WNC; W3VVS; W3UMK; W3SAI; W3SAA; W3QZO; W3NIP; W3LNQ; W3KNC; W3KDO; W3IW; W3CDY; W3CUB; W3DOU; W3HJQ.

Excerpts by W3IIM

OLD BUSINESS

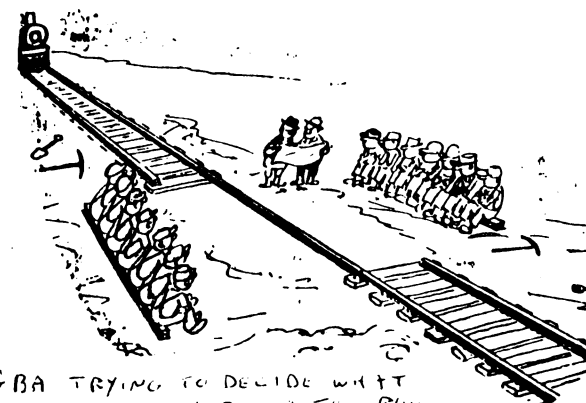
THE BLURB
15 YEARS AGO
OCT. 1970

This month's issue had 12 pages (that's 24 of the new, reduced size)! Most of the pages were devoted to a complete reproduction of the MARCH 2, 1970 BY-LAWS and RULES OF ELECTION.

Note was made of the passing of Laura Martin, W3QV's XYL.

Dues were raised to \$10.00 for regular members and to \$5.00 for associates - (The first increase in over 20 years.) ... Only 150 tickets available for the coming dinner-dance on Dec. 5th. \$10.00 for Prime Rib or Lobster at the Treadway Inn, St. Davids ... Next meeting: COMBO AUCTION ... WA3KLR has second radiotelephone commercial license ... Visitor at last meeting: W3ACX, Larry Clifford.

Excerpts by W3IIM



PST + GBA TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT
SIGNAL TO PLACE WHERE AS THE PHIL-
MONT COMMUTERS WAIT

**** UPDATE ****

OCTOBER 7, General Meeting program:

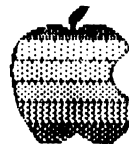
THE EVOLUTION OF RAILROAD SIGNALLING SYSTEMS presented by
Woody Haldeman, W3PST.

NOVEMBER 4, OLE TIMER'S NIGHT! General Meeting program: ??? (Stay
tuned to your local repeater!) We'll get the word out as
soon as we're able to confirm our tentative arrangements.
With any luck, you should hear the news BEFORE you receive
this issue!

This year we'll again be serving a delicious buffet dinner
before the meeting. Please see elsewhere in this issue for
details and reservation form.

DECEMBER 2, ELECTIONS ELECTIONS ELECTIONS!!

JANUARY 6, General Meeting program: To be announced.



APPLE BYTES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01-EDWARD MASARSKY - (KB3IV)
04-JOSEPH S. ELMALAH - K3HIJ
-CLAIRE SPRATT (XYL N3ALW)
05-CARL E. BADDORF - W3FZO
07-ALLEN J. BONCK - N3JB
09-JERRI IVES (XYL W3SMA)
-CAROLYN MUROFF (XYL W3SAI)
11-HOWARD J. TROUT - W3IGW
13-FRANCIS G. CLARK - KB3QE
14-WILLIAM MESCANTI, Jr. - WB3KUR
19-ALBERT C. PORT, Sr. - W3HYU
28-CHARLES L. STOUTH - W3ZPP
31-RICHARD M. KLEIN - W3WXC

LICENSE RENEWAL TIME W3HQJ & W3PST

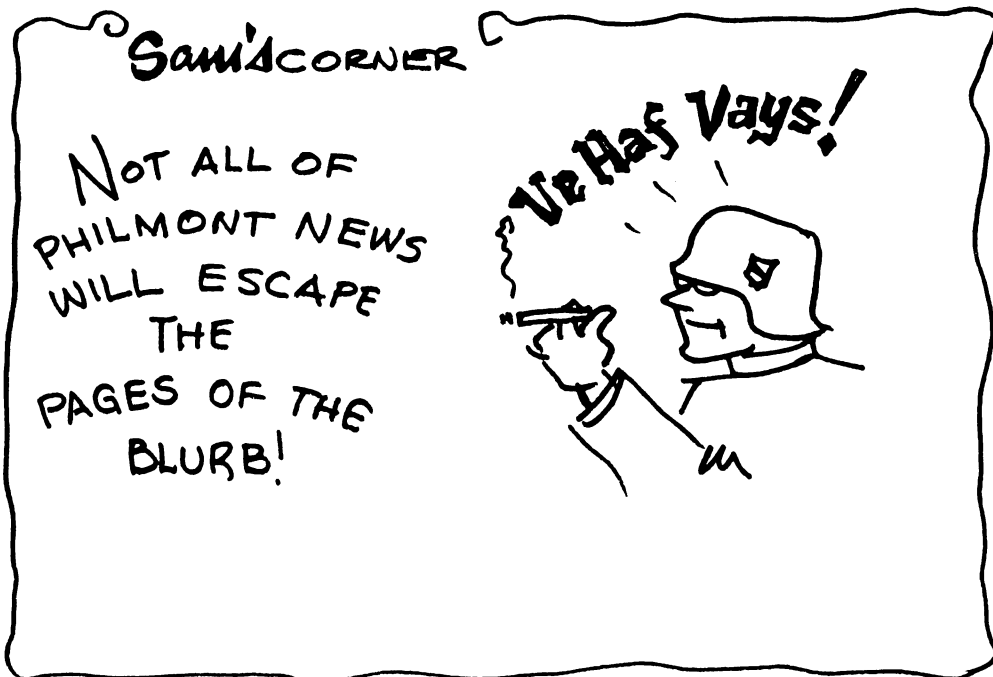
HELP PHIL-MONT

ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING
OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV
FOR THE DETAILS.

UPDATES

ANY ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, ARRL AFFILIATION OR
LICENCE UPDATES? WANT TO SEE YOUR BIRTHDAY
LISTED? IF SO PLEASE DROP ME A LINE SO THAT
YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN THE
BLURB AND IN THE NEXT PHIL-MONT DIRECTORY.

...DE WB3KOJ



Phil-Mont Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CODE PRACTICE NET	2 SWAP NET	3 BULLETIN NET	4	5
6 2m NOS W3AWG 10m NCS W3AA 75m NOS W3PWG PAOK RATS' HAM FEST	7 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS	8 CODE PRACTICE NET	9 SWAP NET	10 BULLETIN NET	11	12
13 2m NCS W3AA 10m NCS WB3KAC 75m NCS W3AOA	14 <i>Columbus Day</i>	15 CODE PRACTICE NET	16 SWAP NET DIRECTORS' MEETING	17 BULLETIN NET	18	19
20 2m NCS W3ZPP 10m NCS KB3CT 75m NOS W3RCE	21	22 CODE PRACTICE NET	23 SWAP NET	24 BULLETIN NET	25	26
27 <i>R.F. HILL A.R.G. HAMFEST</i> 2m NCS KB3IV 10m NCS KB3QE 75m NCS AK2I <i>Theo. Roosevelt's Birthday</i>	28	29 CODE PRACTICE NET	30 SWAP NET	31 BULLETIN NET <i>Halloween</i>		

THE PHIL-MONTER OF THE YEAR

Once again it is time to cast your vote for the Phil-Monter of the Year. The award is made on the basis of a closed vote by the membership, PROVIDED that at least 1/3 of the total membership votes. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT! ! Don't let hard work go unrewarded.

The Award is made to that club member whose contribution to Phil-Mont has been outstanding. It may be given for a single, or outstanding effort within the current year.

Use the BALLOT below and mail it to Jim Spencer, W3BBB, 500 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA, 19446; or give it to W3IIN, W3VVS, or K3GNM. ALL votes must be received by November 4, 1985.

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My vote for the Phil-Monter of the Year is:

COMMENTS:- _____

MY CALL IS _____

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C. R. SPENCER, JR., W3B88

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